

Tattoo for the Doctor

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Preparing to Read

1. Match the words below with their meanings. Only one answer is correct for each.

(2 points each) Score _____ /8

1. pensioner	a. the money a worker gets after they retire.
2. tattoo	b. a person who has tatoos
3. widow	c. a person that has retired from work and who receives a pension.
4. tattooist	d. a singing group from Russia
	e. a woman whose spouse has died
	f. an opening in a wall to let in light or air – usually made of glass
	g. an artist that uses needles to paint pictures on human skin.
	h. pictures drawn on the skin

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____

2. Look up the word **resuscitate** in your dictionary. In your own words, what does this word mean?

(2 points each) Score _____ /2

3. Today's article is about an elderly woman who goes to a tattooist. Discuss the following questions with your group. AFTER your discussion, write your answers below.

(2 points each) Score _____ /6

a. Why do you think people get tatoos?

b. Why do you think an elderly woman would go to a tattooist?

c. What sort of tattoo do you think she would get?

4. Below is the first sentence from today's article. There are one or more words missing. Alone, think about what word(s) are missing. Then, compare your answer with your group. Who has the best answer?

- An 85 year-old widow is so determined not to be resuscitated by doctors that she has tattooed the words “_____” across her chest.

Your Answer _____ Group Member _____ Group Member _____ Group Member _____

Reading Activities

A: Scanning Read the questions below. Then, you will have 2 minutes to scan the article and find the answers to these questions.

(2 points each) Score _____ /8

1. Who is the article about?

2. Where does she live?

3. What did she do?

4. Why did she do it?

Widow hopes tattoo will keep doctors away

LONDON Thur March 6 (Reuters) - An 85 year-old widow is so determined not to be resuscitated against her will by doctors that she has tattooed the words "Do Not Resuscitate" across her chest.

Frances Polack, a **former** nurse, said she paid 25 pounds for a tattoo with the instruction and a heart with a 'no-go' sign in red and blue to ensure medical staff knew she did not want to be **revived**.

"Years ago when I was nursing I could see they resuscitated so many people they shouldn't have," Polack told the Nursing Standard magazine.

"I don't want to die twice. By resuscitating me, they would be bringing me back from the dead only for me to have to go through it again," Polack said.

The white-haired pensioner who lives in the New Forest in the south of England said she visited a local tattooist with a friend. "I don't know if I want to start a fashion, but I hope I will start a debate," she said.

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B: Vocabulary Find the words or phrase from today's article that match the meanings below.

(2 points each) Score _____ /12

1. Very certain that you want to do something. (adjective)	1. _____
2. When something is done even though you do not want it to be done. (3-word phrase)	2. _____
3. To make sure something happens. (verb)	3. _____
4. Belonging to an area where you live. (adjective)	4. _____
5. Something that is popular at a particular time. (noun)	5. _____
6. A discussion about a subject which people have different opinions on. (noun)	6. _____

C: Information Search

1. Read the article again quickly and find all of the keywords about the woman in today's article. Write the keywords in the box below.

Score /5

Information About the Woman	

D: True or False Check your understanding of the article by deciding whether these sentences are **True** or **False**.

(2 points each) Score /12

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| 1. Frances Polack doesn't want doctors to resuscitate her. | 1. T F |
| 2. The tattoo cost 25 pounds. | 2. T F |
| 3. She has had a picture of a heart with the words "Resuscitate" tattooed across her chest. | 3. T F |
| 4. Polack is a nurse and a widow. | 4. T F |
| 5. Polack thinks some people shouldn't be resuscitated. | 5. T F |
| 6. She hopes that what she has done will make people talk about death and resuscitation. | 6. T F |

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language

When do we use the articles **a**, **an** and **the** ? There are quite a few rules and some of them are complicated, but here are some basic rules to remember.

1. Use **a** or **an** (before a word that begins with - a, e, i, o, u) the first time you mention something and your listener doesn't know it.

*A woman was sitting on **a** bus stop bench. She saw **a** man walk into **a** shop behind her.*

2. When you mention the same thing again, the listener knows about it; therefore, use **the** .

*Three minutes later **the** woman saw **the** man running out of **the** shop, carrying a lot of cash.*

3. Use **the** for things when there is only one of something.

***The** sun is shining in **the** sky.*

Fill the gaps in today's article with **a**, **an** or **the** . **DON'T LOOK BACK AT THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE UNTIL YOU ARE FINISHED.**

LONDON Thur March 6 (Reuters) - 1. _____ 85 year-old widow is so determined not to be resuscitated against her will by doctors that she has tattooed the words "Do Not Resuscitate" across her chest. Frances Polack, 2. _____ former nurse, said she paid 25 pounds for 3. _____ tattoo with 4. _____ instruction and 5. _____ heart with 6. _____ 'no-go' sign in red and blue to ensure medical staff knew she did not want to be revived. "Years ago when I was nursing I could see they resuscitated so many people they shouldn't have," Polack told 7. _____ Nursing Standard magazine.	"I don't want to die twice. By resuscitating me, they would be bringing me back from the dead only for me to have to go through it again," Polack said. 8. _____ white-haired pensioner who lives in the New Forest in the south of England said she visited 9. _____ local tattooist with 10. _____ friend. "I don't know if I want to start 11. _____ fashion, but I hope I will start 12. _____ debate," she said.
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1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ 12. _____ (1 point each) Score _____ /12

B: Drawing and Writing

Imagine that you have decided to get a tattoo. In the box, draw a picture of the tattoo you would like. Then, write a paragraph explaining why you want that particular tattoo. If there is time, share you picture and paragraph with your group members.

Score _____ /15



C: New Words In the "Additional New Words and Expressions" section of your Reading Journal, add all the words you did not know in today's worksheet.

*****When you are finished, check your own answers and write your scores!*****

Answers to Check your Work

Pre-Reading Activities

Activity A1: 1. c 2. h 3. e 4. g Activity B: 1.b 2. d 3. c 4. f 5. e 6. a

Reading Activities

Activity B: 1. determined 2. against her will 3. ensure 4. local 5. fashion 6. debate

Activity D: 1. True 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. True 6. True

Post-Reading Activities

Activity A: 1. An 2. a 3. a 4. the 5. a 6. a 7. the 8. The 9. a 10. a 11. a 12. a